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One of the interesting phenomena connected with American political campaigns is the psychological state of mind that develops among people who go into any community in the United States during a non-political period and express almost any opinions without incurring the wrath of those who disagree with you. Once a political campaign unfolds, however, and the respective candidates take their positions on any issue, the expression of opinion on even an abstract subject becomes fraught with peril.

**Political Campaigns Upset One's Balance**  
Men and women, after taking partisan sides in political contests, lose their sense of perspective entirely. They forget the rule of reason and the proper function of the intellect. They respond to emotional appeals, to denunciations and every political trick that can be staged by one side or the other.

Some day, in the far distant future, it may be possible for the electorate to pass judgment upon public issues calmly, sanely, and reasonably. At the present stage of developments, however, popular government, as practiced in the United States, develops the mass weakness of the population. Consequently, the voters often elect officials entirely unsuited to particular offices. Bad as this is, it is the price of American freedom, and for better than surrendering the right of the people to govern themselves, even if they do the job badly.

Local hunters have already opened the season on game animals. Hundreds of them have taken to the woods with their guns, expecting to bring home the game.

**Safety For Hunters**  
It might be well to point out that hunting is a dangerous sport. Last year, according to James L. Fieser, vice-chairman of the American Red Cross, there were two thousand deaths from hunting accidents in the United States. In the interest of safety, the Red Cross has announced a list of suggestions for hunters. It might be just as well for us to take them and resolve to do our part to prevent any fatalities in this county during the hunting season.

1. Don't pull a gun carelessly from an automobile.
2. Remove shells from gun before crawling through a fence.
3. Don't use a gun to club game from brush.
4. Don't carry your gun cocked; be sure the safety catch is in place.
5. Never point your gun at anyone in fun; carry it with the muzzle pointed toward the ground.
6. When out with inexperienced hunters don't deploy ahead of your companions.
7. Don't leave a gun where children can reach it.
8. Don't leave a loaded gun about the house.
9. Don't allow the gun muzzle to clog with mud or snow.
10. Deer hunters should wear bright red caps or coats.

There is considerable discussion of the question of limiting the use of highways by trucks on holidays and during certain hours on Sunday.

**Banning Trucks On Holidays**  
In Wisconsin, trucks are not permitted on the roads between 9 and 11 p. m. on Saturdays and between 9 a. m. and midnight, on Sunday. Minnesota has somewhat similar regulations and other States are looking into the advisability of such regulation.

The basis advanced for the ban is that it will promote safety on the highway. Some opposition is expressed by farmers who fear that the regulation will hamper the use of trucks to transport their produce. This objection is met by the proposal to exempt trucks carrying milk and other perishable foodstuffs from the restriction.

Whether such a ban is wise, or not, is a matter of opinion. Whether it will injure legitimate business interest remains to be seen when it gets into general operation.

"CHET" HOWELL, publisher of The Chesaning Argus, president of the Michigan Press Association, Republican candidate for the State Senate from his district, (with a record behind of several terms in both Senate and House), is a great community booster. Perhaps to him goes the credit that practically every Michigan newspaper man is familiar with "Farmer Pet" campaign, a Chesaning product. "Chet" several years ago started the use of "Farmer Pet" products at Michigan Press Association banquets every January in East Lansing; he rarely lets an opportunity go by to give "Farmer Pet" verbal publicity. "Chet" certainly believes in and loves his Chesaning—and that's not haloney!

In every community throughout the length and breadth of the land there are just a plain, old-fashioned Americans, some of them Republicans, some Democrats, who spend a great part of their leisure and devote most of their social encounters to viewing the record of the times with a jaundiced eye. Another in grievances against their President, their government and the omnipresent agents of its multifarious bureau. This is bad for the liver. What is needed is an educational pastime that will take the mind off the sourer facts of the situation.

A suggestion for such a game is to be found in a quotation from Jefferson which The Saturday Evening Post recently editorialized about "wasting the labors of the unemployed, the pretense of taking care of them." This will remind any one who is a reader of Jefferson that one need only stick a table knife into a volume of his letters and speeches, as the Puritans used to do with the Bible to find names for their numerous proverbs, open it and cover them up upon a warm denunciation of some common New Deal practice. When one remembers with what fervor all good New Dealers proclaim themselves heirs to Thomas Jefferson's political philosophy, rigid honesty and passionate concern for the country's welfare on the annual occasion of the federal election, and alphabetical order of the Farley war chest, there's a good horse laugh at Mr. Roosevelt's expense in almost any Jeffersonian paragraph. For an amusing evening it is necessary only to find a Jeffersonian encyclopedia, in which of the federal government are almost everything in the alphabetically arranged. Let some one suggest a topic of current interest. Elections? We open to elections and this is what we get:

"From a very early period of my life I determined never to intermeddle with elections of the people, and have invariably adhered to this determination. . . I think the members of the federal government are meddling too much with elections. . . Every officer of the government may vote at elections according to his conscience; but we should betray the cause committed to our care were we to permit the influence of official patronage to be used to overthrow the will of the people. . . Every one who goes into office to enjoy the executive offices from intermeddling with elections, as inconsistent with the true principles of our constitution. . . One thing I will say: that as to the future, interferences with elections, in whatever of the federal government, are almost everything in the alphabetically arranged. Let some one suggest a topic of current interest. Elections? We open to elections and this is what we get:

Let us have another theme. Debt? How about this: "There does not exist an engine so corruptive of the government and so demoralizing of the nation as a public debt. It will bring on us more ruin at home than all the enemies from abroad. . . The army and navy are to be protected. And other things. . . Every one who goes into office to enjoy the executive offices from intermeddling with elections, as inconsistent with the true principles of our constitution. . . One thing I will say: that as to the future, interferences with elections, in whatever of the federal government, are almost everything in the alphabetically arranged. Let some one suggest a topic of current interest. Elections? We open to elections and this is what we get:

**Judge, Jury and Prosecutor**  
It is no doubt that a large percentage of people in this country who believe the propaganda that when business is good, "we planned it that way" and when business is bad, it is the machinations of the vicious and heartless corporations. Popular and prominent politicians have broadcast this sort of thing. Washington is full of an army of ambitious academic zealots who are carving their way to fame by cutting at the very roots of American industry.

If the above sounds like the wail of an anti-New Dealer, consider the following simply stated set of facts.

Congressman Clarence S. Hoffman of the Fourth District of Michigan, made a speech in Congress entitled "Communism's Iron Grip on the CIO."

In a lustrous factory where there was a division in the employes as to which labor organization they should join, one employe circulated copies of Congressman Hoffman's speech.

The Labor Relations Board trial examiner, Hugh C. McCarthy, ruled that this represented unfair practice by the company and a violation of the Wagner Act.

How a company is going to prevent an employe distributing anything he wishes is a question.

How is a company going to prevent either a friendly employe, or an unfriendly employe, circulating what he wishes outside the factory, or the proposal to exempt trucks carrying milk and other perishable foodstuffs from the restriction.

If a company is guilty under such circumstances, would it not be as easy for the company to discontinue the distribution of such literature, or an organization of unfriendly employes, to perform such an act for the sole purpose of bringing his employers in violation of the Wagner Act?

The answer, of course, is that the Wagner Act created the National Labor Relations Board which is judge, jury and prosecutor of employes. The act itself does not contemplate that an employe can do wrong—merely that employes are solely responsible and may be guilty of violations of acts of their help over which the company has no control. It is in strange in the face of other uncontrolled and complicated economic problems, this law makes mere violations of stockholders' dollars invested, very cautious? Is it strange that the normal expansion of industry of this country has been slowed almost to a standstill?—Clintion County (St. John's) Republican-News.

**Congressional Comment**  
by Representative George A. Dondero  
17th Michigan District

To the Editor:  
During the past few years much has been said about the need for a new social security fund which has been given to old age pensions and this is as it should be for everyone is interested in the development of a system which will provide adequate assistance to the aged and needy.

A discussion of our existing legislation is, therefore, timely. Under the Social Security Act the objective is to create an old-age reserve fund which will amount to fifty billion dollars by 1950. This money must be invested in United States government bonds paying three per cent. The government may either issue new bonds for this account or it may retire bonds that already have been issued.

Certain important results follow from these requirements. If bonds now privately held are purchased for the account, the government will be buying up evidences of its own indebtedness. Normally these bonds will be in the reserve account but actually this will constitute a retirement of the debt. If the bonds are issued, the government will be retiring by means of taxes on the gross earnings of the lower income groups. The payment of such taxes reduces the earning power of a large portion of the population whose standard of living is already much lower than is desirable.

If, on the other hand, the Treasury issues new bonds for the reserve account, the cash position of the government is increased, but the obligations of the Federal government are then increased by an equivalent amount. When new bonds are issued, the government does not receive the money from taxes based upon pay rolls. On the other hand, the funds can remain unspent in the Treasury. Another possibility is that the government may be meeting current expenditures and the government. A third possibility is that the Treasury can use the funds for the purchase of outstanding government bonds paying interest of less than three per cent. This is a most desirable plan as it will actually yield three per cent.

The second plan is the one actually being used at the present time. The Treasury is issuing special three per cent bonds for the old-age reserve account. The money collected from pay roll taxes goes into the general fund for the current expenses of the government. This spending of these taxes for current expenditures of government is a most desirable plan. The government will again be taxed in the future to meet the obligations of the Social Security Act as they mature.

In my opinion, the Social Security Act should be amended so as to provide for the repeal of the full benefit plan and to provide in its place a direct pay-as-you-go system with a small contingent reserve. The adoption of this plan would permit a minimum rate of taxation on pay rolls. This plan would also avoid the imposition of a heavy tax upon lower income groups for the purpose of retiring the public debt or for providing direct revenue to the government.

It is also desirable to formulate plans for the extension and liberalization of the old-age reserve plan. I favor an exhaustive study of this problem followed by the enactment of legislation based upon the information thus obtained. A step in that direction has already been made at the suggestion of the Republican delegation in Congress.

Sincerely yours,  
George A. Dondero, M. C.



**Happenings of Long Ago**

**Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.**

**Twenty-Five Years Ago**  
That Frank Hollister is a sly one. Here he has been the father of a bouncing baby girl for three weeks and we just got on in time to tell about it for this issue. We just got on in time to tell about it for this issue.

**Forty-Five Years Ago**  
Strayed into my enclosure, a skeleton with one wheel, held up by a nail. Said wheel has been on my premises over three months and now the owner must appear at once and take the "dum" thing away. So says Will Hutton.

**Forty-Five Years Ago**  
Candidates are quite numerous in this vicinity and hand shaking is in vogue. It is a most interesting fact, candidates may be seen going all over the country shaking hands with their friends, until all around November. After that time, they will cease to be seen. It is a most interesting fact, candidates may be seen going all over the country shaking hands with their friends, until all around November. After that time, they will cease to be seen.

**Forty-Five Years Ago**  
The Epworth League will give a box social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lamb next Friday. Their pleasant rendering is large and well adapted for entertaining and a jolly time is anticipated by all who attend.

**Forty-Five Years Ago**  
Eleven senior couples were recently honored at Michigan Agricultural College. They were invited to dine on the campus, a national honorary society or women who stand high in their field. Among the nine honorees from Grand Rapids, one was Miss Jennie Todd.

**Forty-Five Years Ago**  
Just think! John M. Belding has his only son! Let the good news go on, say we, and may there be plenty of red ones.

**Forty-Five Years Ago**  
State Bank pay-off will begin Monday. Charles W. Lee, receiver, announces alphabetical schedule for distribution of dividends \$82,000 is ready for depositors.

**Forty-Five Years Ago**  
Community House teams prepare for \$7,500 campaign. Expenditures are named for canvass of residential district, to begin Monday. Three men's service clubs pledge their aid at meetings this week.

**Forty-Five Years Ago**  
Compliance board meets here Friday. First assembly of group is called by state officials to check on NRA violations. By-law also planned.

**Forty-Five Years Ago**  
Officials of three townships get word of fire. Fire trucks and dale pack would go to Birmingham under tentative plan and Town ship's existing Parent Teacher Association would be called.

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Fire hazards will be curbed. Birmingham will join state and nation in curbing fire hazards. A fire prevention week will be observed. Mayor Harry Allen is sponsoring special proclamation and public schools plan to participate.

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**Forty-Five Years Ago**  
State aid for Birmingham's schools is demanded at public meeting sponsored jointly by city's existing Parent Teacher Association. Resolution adopted asks immediate action of legislators.

**Forty-Five Years Ago**  
Masons to play Grosse Pointe high school eleven. Baldwin will play Grosse Pointe high school game at Percie Field Saturday.

**Random Remarks**

Joseph O'Mahoney, U. S. Senator from Wyoming, California by advocate of the \$30-very Thursday Pension: "I would rather lose forty times than stand for such an increase."

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Harlan Branch, member, Civil Aeronautics Authority: "No airline should assume that the Authority is going to dish out public money in any reckless or ill-considered fashion."

Bernard Baruch, industrialist, back from Europe: "What can you tell about the mind of a man who thinks is a madman, and who thinks he has a mission?"

Key Pittman, chairman, Senate Foreign Affairs Committee: "The conquest of Europe by totalitarian, militaristic governments would mean continuing threat to the safety of our institutions and our liberty."

Alfred M. London, 1936 Republican presidential candidate: "I, for one, resent the hardening attitude on the part of many toward our fellow Americans on the relief rolls."

Arthur H. Vandenberg, U. S. Senator from Michigan: "It is time to abandon any fairy godmother idea that our land is some pleasant fashion is immune to all the wrenching, rocking, cracking, wringing and disaster that has befallen other peoples."

Franklin D. Roosevelt: "The possibility of leadership, combined with patience, has always won."

Rock Sleyester, president-elect, American Medical Association: "The care of the sick must not be given over to commercial groups in open competitive bidding, each offering a little more for a little less."

Alfred E. Smith, former governor of New York: "We have false prophets about us today; we call them druggists."

Anton de Haas, professor, Harvard University: "England and France have broken down international morality and rendered all guarantees futile."

**This Is Right**  
Disparagement is like a formal party in fashionable society. Nobody wants to arrive until everybody else is there.—Fotia Star.

**Maybe**  
A will missing for more than 50 years was found in a family Bible in Detroit. Somebody accidentally knocked the Bible off the parlor table.—Macon Telegraph.

**Real Miracle**  
If only Burbank could have lived to see how many gallons of orange-ade orange can make.—Key West Citizen.

**Sure To Do It**  
A pear tree in Cornwall was being burned for 100 years. Has nobody tried putting on a shovel of coal?—Passing Show.

**We've Heard**  
An apple chased the first downfall in business, but peaches have handled the business since that time.—Chickasha Express.

**Especially!**  
Reading in business is very bad for the eyes, writes an optician. Especially when the person whose paper you are reading won't keep still.—London Opinion.

**Too Cheap**  
Now that the engineers have figured out how to lengthen the life of autos, maybe they'll do something along the same line for pedestrians.—Ohio State Journal.

**Right**  
Business recovery will probably begin about the time some of our leading opticians start wearing spectacles of conversation about it.—San Diego Union.

**Fill 'Er Up, Boys**  
When Mr. Corrigan visited St. Mary's Hospital, he found himself in the Wright brothers' airplane and fly it back to the country in which it should be.—New York Sun.

**Jobs 'n Jest**

A PLEASANT surprise if the European situation clears up, would be to discover that the Japanese had got out of China, and gone home unemployed, during the excitement in Europe.

An increase of 25 per cent in gasoline consumption during the last month may have been the result of renewed business activity or it may have been the result of people driving faster and longer in an effort to keep ahead of the bill collectors.

Mussolini says that Italy is hopeful the peace of Europe may be preserved. Somewhere the suggestion the town drunkard hitting the sawdust trail.

Funny money politicians who want to hand out a federal paycheck without work each week seem to forget there may be nothing to buy about the second week of the experiment.

The Same Synthetic Horschack Is Made from Grass.—Headline. That's how old Babylon himself made it, isn't it?—Arkansas Gazette.

**WASHINGTON WATER BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**

**Surplus Food Commodities Given Refugees of Storm in Northeast**

WASHINGTON—Supplies of foodstuffs which had been distributed to welfare agencies in the New England states for relief clients, were made available to feed refugees from areas hard hit by the Atlantic coast hurricane.

They were purchased by Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and provided the diet reasonably representative of this year's farm surpluses. Sent by truck and train to the soup kitchens in the northeast, were two carloads of butter, 48,000 pounds of beef, 58,000 pounds of cabbage, 58,000 pounds of flour, and 60,000 pounds of beans. In Massachusetts, seven carloads of oranges and one carload of dried fruit were sent.

On hand for immediate distribution were 78,000,000 pounds of rice which the corporation bought to help Louisiana and Texas planters dispose of burdensome rice crops.

ALL of the losses in the recent northeast coast were by no means life and property, according to H. H. Bennett, chief of the federal soil conservation service.

"Millions of tons of fertile soil have been washed from fields," Bennett said, "and in some instances the productive top soil has been entirely washed away, leaving raw subsoil exposed.

"Hundreds of acres are scarred by fresh gullies. Growing crops have been washed out of the earth in many places, and in others, buried by the mud and gravel spread over bottom-land fields by flooded streams. The soil has been turned to chocolate color caused by the soil sweep into them.

"On the basis of preliminary surveys, typical parts of the storm sector it appears that the total damage to soil resources of others, buried by the mud and gravel, will probably reach into millions of dollars."

With the advent of this year's AAA soil conservation program, farmers may receive payments in seed, lime, and fertilizer instead of cash. In 1936 it was arranged that the farmer who cooperated with the AAA soil building program might be reimbursed for what he had spent on seed and fertilizer in an amount equal to three-fourths of the total payment due him.

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